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SUBJECT: MARRIAGE CASE - MENSHIKOV-CONLON

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1. CONSOFFS AND EUR/SOV OFFICER HENERSON AGAIN RAISED MENSHIKOV-CONLON MARRIAGE CASE DURING JANUARY 6 CALL ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS N. G. BULAVIN AND ARTSYBASHEV. REPRESENTATION EMPHASIZED THAT MARRIAGE DATE HAS BEEN RESET FOR JANUARY 17 AND REQUESTED THAT VISA BE ISSUED TO CONLON IN ORDER TO PERMIT HER TO BE MARRIED ON THAT DATE. WE FURTHER NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION CONTAINDD REFTEL, MENSHIKOV IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING CONLON'S VISA REQUEST AND AGAIN STATED THAT, IF VISA CANNOT BE ISSUED, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING REASON FOR REFUSAL.

2. HENDERSON CITED GENERALLY FAVORABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND EXPRESSED DEPART'S INTEREST IN EARLY AND FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF MENSHIKOV-CONCLON AND OTHER SIMILAR CASES. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, HOWEVER, CASES WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN EASILY RESOLVED AS PRIVATE MATTERS HAVE BECOME CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES INVOLVING THE US PRESS, THE DEPARTMENT, THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND MFA.

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HENDERSON CONCLUDE THAT NEITHER SIDE NEEDS SUCH INCIDENTS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PREPARATORY PERIOD FOR THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND REQUESTED MFA ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING MENSHIKOV-CONLON AND SIMILAR CASES.

3. ARTSYBASHEV REPLIED THAT SUCH CASES ARE NOT ALWAYS AS SIMPLE AS THEY SEEM AND THAT EVERY STATE, INCLUDING THE USSR, RESERVES THE

RIGHT TO GRANT OR DENY REQUESTS SUCH AS CONLON'S. HE  
FURTHER STATED THAT THE DECISION IN SUCH CASES IS ENTIRELY IN  
THE HANDS OF THE "COMPETENT LOCAL ORGANS" AND THAT MFA ONLY  
TRANSMITS OUR REQUESTS IN AN EFFORT TO BE "HELPFUL". HAVING  
RESTATED THE FAMILIAR SOVIET POSITION IN SUCH CASES, ARTSYBASHEV  
AGAIN AGREED TO TRANSMIT SUBSTANCE OF MENSHIKOV-CONLON REPRESENT-  
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